

**Title II Project Application**  
**Medford District Resource Advisory Committee**

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by federal unit): OR117-06

**2. Project Name:** Quartz Creek OHV Plan

**3. County:** Josephine

**4. Project Sponsor:** BLM,

**5. Date:** 7/24/01

**6. Sponsors Phone #** 541-618-2220

**7. Sponsor's E-mail:** [jeanne\\_klein@blm.gov](mailto:jeanne_klein@blm.gov)

**8. Project Location** (attach project area map)

a. 4<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known):

b. 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Jumpoff Joe

c. Legal Location:

Township 35S Range 7W Section(s) 1, 3, 10, 11, 12

Township 34S Range 6W Section(s) 19

Township 34S Range 7W Section(s) 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 33 35

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d. BLM District: Medford

e. BLM Resource Area : Grants Pass

f. National Forest

g. Forest Service District

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:**

Project objectives include preparing a management plan for designing, developing, re-routing (where needed), and improving trail systems in the Quartz Creek OHV area. Currently, many trails exist, mainly from users developing trails. The goal is to identify the location of the current trails, identify potential or existing resource damage, safety issues, or user conflicts and develop trail systems which reduce conflicts, resource damage and potential safety hazards.

**10. Project Description:** (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

This 7120 acre parcel of BLM land is located north of Merlin, Oregon. It is comprised of O&C and Public Domain BLM lands. The ownership pattern is checkerboard, with every other section as BLM. Private lands are interspersed with this OHV area, and many trails extend from BLM land onto private land.

This area is identified in the 1995 Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) as a designated OHV area. OHV use is limited to designated roads and trails. However, trails have not been designated by BLM as official trails. Therefore, resource damage, user conflicts and safety issues are occurring within the area. Also, OHV use throughout the resource area is becoming more and more of an issue. The BLM would like to provide an area that is managed for responsible OHV use, and provide an opportunity for this use. This project is also recommended in the Jumpoff Joe Watershed Analysis, completed in June 1998.

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**11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?**

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, then describe.

We will need to coordinate with private landowners in the area when designating certain trail systems, as the ownership is checkerboarded, with every other section BLM land and the lands in between are private.

**12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?** [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

☐ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]

☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]

☒ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]

☒ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

**13. Project Type** (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

☒ Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☒ Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☐ Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☒ Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☐ Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]

☐ Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]

☒ Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]

☒ Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]

☒ Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

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☒ Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]

☐ Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]

☐ Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]

☐ Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes** [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

a. Total Acres: 7120

b. Total Miles: unconfirmed mileage of trail systems

c. No. Structures: 0

d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): 5,000

e. No. of Laborer Days: 60 days to complete plan

f. Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: One year, September, 2002\_

**16. Target Species Benefited** (if applicable) : \_\_\_\_\_

**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?**

[Sec. 2(b)(3)]

The BLM has been working with various user groups including the Caveman Four Wheelers, Siskiyou Trail Riders in identifying trails and coming up with a strategy for managing the area.

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Meetings with these groups date back to 1991, when the idea was being formulated for a designated area to ride. In 1995, that designation occurred with the RMP. In 1996, meetings began again with user groups to come up with a strategy to manage the area. Meetings have included on site visits and rides along the roads/trails in the area as well as planning meetings indoors to discuss issues. By working together with local residents, volunteers and agencies will leverage each organization's money and aid in creating positive working relationships as well as a sense of ownership and pride in managing the area.

### 18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] Identify benefits to communities?

One of the reasons for managing an area is to provide for safe recreation. Currently, trails exist throughout the area with no safety regulations, other than fire season regulations. This plan will provide for safer, designated trails which will also reduce user conflicts and resource damage. Signing designating trails and the types of vehicles appropriate would be placed on site. Directional signing will be placed on site to avoid collisions and getting lost.

### 19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The project benefits federal lands/ resources by reducing impacts to the area. Currently trails are located throughout the area, including crossing riparian and other sensitive areas without mitigating the impacts through bridges or reroutes. With a designated trail system, impacts would be limited and routed to less sensitive sites. User conflicts would also be reduced.

### 20. Status of Project Planning

- a. NEPA Complete: ☐ Yes ☒ No      b. If No, give est. date of completion:  
NEPA is part of the funding request. If funded, completed in Fall, 2002\_\_\_\_\_
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
- e. Survey & Manage Complete: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable
- f. DSL/ODFW\* Permits Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- g. DLS/COE\* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- h. SHPO\* Concurrence Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- i. Project Design(s) Completed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

\* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

### 21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

- ☒ Contract      ☒ Federal Workforce
- ☐ County Workforce      ☒ Volunteers
- ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### 22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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**23. Anticipated Project Costs** [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$50,000
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- c. FY02 Request: \$50,000 for management plan
- d. FY03 Request:
- e. FY04 Request:
- f. FY05 Request: \$\_\_\_\_\_
- g. FY06 Request: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering	\$4280 (1 work month)			
28. Contract Preparation	\$4280 (1 work month)			
29. Contract Administration	\$4280 (1 work month)			
30. Contract Cost		\$45,000 for either contract or work months to hire term to complete plan		
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies				
33. Monitoring		\$5000		
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				
37. Total Cost Estimate	\$12,840	<b>\$50,000</b>		<b>\$</b>

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above** [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

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**39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))**

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Photo points will be established along closed trails and new trails, once the plan is complete and trails built. The BLM or users could be responsible for the monitoring.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Sec. 203(b)(6)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

This project has the potential to be a YCC project. We (BLM) have worked with the YCC before through the Job Council and will continue to work with them on projects such as this

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Surveys can be done to see if users are more satisfied with the interpretation, trail rehab efforts and fuels reduction. This could be done by members of the community, volunteer forces.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

**Amount:**   \$5000